

Pilot Program

Publish Range for Engineers Estimate

Proposal: Implement a 6 month Pilot Program
Timeframe – April to October 2006
Publish a Range for the Engineers Estimate on most projects

Reasons: Determine if engineers estimate unduly influences the construction bids

Status: UDOT publishes its estimate when projects are advertised.
State DOTs generally publish a range of project estimates – they do not publish a specific estimate.

Published Range:

Engineers Estimate less than \$500,000
Engineers Estimate greater than \$500,000 but less than \$1,000,000
Engineers Estimate greater than \$1,000,000 but less than \$2,000,000
Engineers Estimate greater than \$2,000,000

Method of Analysis:

Timeframe: 6 months
Projects: Most projects, both Department and Local Government
Comparison: Analyze bid variability before, during and after the pilot program
Analyze number of bidders
Compare UDOT's estimate with contractor's bid

Pilot Outline:

1. Engineers Estimates would be confidential
2. After bid opening, abstracts would be published on the Web.